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AN ACT , to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 16; Title 3, Chapter 1; Title 8, Chapter 3, Part 1 and Title 65, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to term limits of elected or appointed state officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) No person elected to the office of representative shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years in the House of Representatives. No person elected to the office of senator shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years in the Senate. Service in one (1) house shall not count towards the limitation upon service in the other house.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the eight (8) year limitation, the beginning date shall be the date of the November general election in 1998.

(c) The time served by any person appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in the limitation.

(d) No person who has completed eight (8) years of service in one (1) house shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) No person appointed to the office of secretary of state shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years. No person appointed to the office of treasurer or comptroller of the treasury shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the eight (8) year limitation, the beginning date shall be the date of the January 1997 General Assembly organizational session.

(c) The time served by any person appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in the limitation.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) No person elected to the office of public service commissioner shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the twelve (12) year limitation, the beginning date shall be the date of the November general election in 1998.

(c) The time served by any person appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in the limitation.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 16, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) No person elected to represent Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years. No person elected to represent Tennessee as a member of the Senate of the United States Congress shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years. Service in one (1) house of the United States Congress shall not count towards the limitation upon service in the other house.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the twelve (12) year limitation, the beginning date shall be the date of the November general election in 1998.

(c) The time served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term shall not be included in the limitation.

(d) No person who has completed twelve (12) years of service in one (1) house of the United States Congress shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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